

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

TIMOTHY F. PLOPPER,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	No. 2:19-CV-23 ACL
)	
DEAN MINOR,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's application for writ of habeas corpus. The Court will transfer this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Petitioner, a Missouri state prisoner, seeks a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner is incarcerated in the Eastern District of Missouri, Northern Division. Petitioner's conviction, however, arose in the Western District of Missouri.

The Eastern District of Missouri and the Western District of Missouri both have jurisdiction over the petition. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). In such an instance as this, the Court may transfer the petition to the Western District "in furtherance of justice . . ." *Id.* Additionally, the Court has entered an administrative order stating that, absent any unusual circumstances, any habeas petition challenging a conviction or sentence arising out of a proceeding in the Western District of Missouri should be transferred to that district. *In re Business of the Court*, January 27, 1986. As a result, the Court will order that this case be transferred to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk shall transfer this case to the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2241(d).

Dated this 20th day of March, 2019.

/s/ Jean C. Hamilton
JEAN C. HAMILTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE